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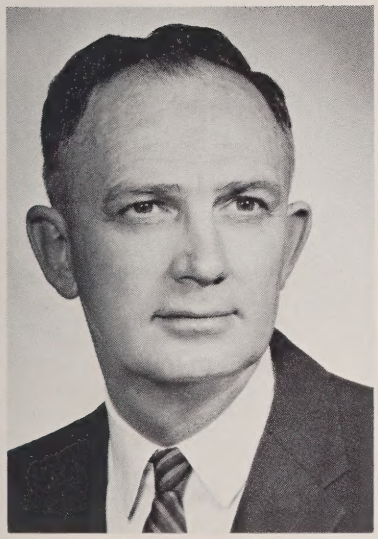

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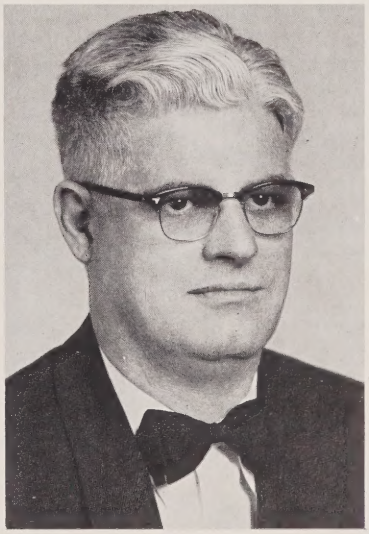

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Regular Meeting

New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6
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Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

If by chance you get to read this in the August-September edition of **The Bagpipe**, please know that I made it by the skin of my chinny-chin-chin. Last week when this should have been prepared, I was on vacation. And, as most of you know, vacations don't come around very often and one can't afford to miss one if and when the occasion arises. Last year we traveled West. Not as far west as one can go for we didn't get to the Pacific. Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico was the best I could do, but the wife did go on to the Grand Canyon. This year, the sponse decided we should go East. And we did, just as far as one can go. We did the Outer Banks. It was a delightful trip, even if it was the hottest week of the year. And, we saw a lot of good Scottish Rite Masons and indulged in the Fish Fry on Ocracoke.

Now. We can all put vacations and free time behind and settle down for a long winter's stay. School bells are ringing. They are powerful little things. They have a way of changing the daily routine of more people than anything I know. And, Mr. Pugh would like for us to ring the bells and tell the people that a Reunion is coming up in the fall.

Once we find a gentleman, we find a man who generally puts back into life more than he takes out of it.

(This one is for Mr. Pugh)

A woman in Kansas went into her local post office and asked the clerk for 50 cents worth of stamps.

"What denomination?" he asked.

"Well, I didn't think it would ever come to this," she snapped angrily. "Baptist."

The little girl was telling her teacher about her baby teeth coming out.

"Pretty soon," said the tyke, "I'll be running on the rims."

The reason some people are overweight is because there are times when they go starch raving mad.

Isn't it funny that no one ever asks a MAN how he combines marriage and a career.

Any good we can do, or any kindness that we can show to any fellow creature, let us do it now for we shall not pass this way again.

A GRUDGE

Wine it, dine it, nurture with care,
Be true to it to the letter.
But no matter how long you nurse it along
It never gets any better.

Clerk: "These are exceptionally strong shirts, sir. They just simply laugh at the laundry."

Customer: "Yes, I know the kind. I had some come back with their sides split."

Flattery is like perfume. The idea is to smell it — not swallow it.

The busier we are, the more acutely we feel that we live, the more conscious we are of life.

It is wiser to choose what you say than to say what you choose.

A rabbi was seated beside a pompous woman at a banquet.

"One of my ancestors" boasted the lady, "Signed the Declaration of Independence."

"Is that so?" asked the rabbi. "One of mine wrote the Ten Commandments".

The bagpipe and I can't outdo that one so we'll sign off with this one— "The most wasted of all days is the day when we have not laughed."

Your piper,
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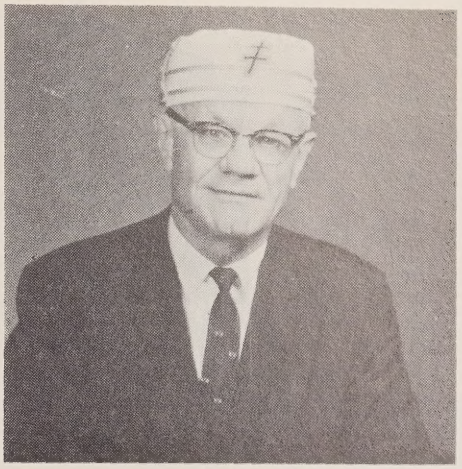


R. L. Pugh, 33°

Dear Brethren:

We are now taking strike No. 1 in our preparations for the forth-coming Reunion. By the time this issue is in your hands the public schools throughout our area will have reopened for the coming year, the summer will have ended and we will all now be keenly interested in any and all activities that will point the way to the most successful Reunion we have ever had. Enthusiastic responses have already been received from several of our most faithful workers and we believe we have every reason to point now to the one time in our history when we will have reached the desired number of 200 in a Reunion class.

We have not been idle during the summer. We have had a great many names of prospective members submitted to us and we have been in constant touch with them. These names have also been submitted to our Ambassadors and our Club Presidents as well as our Court of Honour. Certificates to the newly appointed Ambassadors have likewise been received and have been properly prepared and mailed. These certificates are beautiful in every respect and no doubt many of the Ambassadors have already framed them.

We have always relied heavily on our Ambassadors and we are going to depend more upon them in the future. It is a distinct honor to be appointed as an Ambassador and from the responses that we have had we know that the honor is acknowledged throughout the area as a worthy recognition.

Several parties will be held during the months preceding the Reunion and we are counting upon these to help tremendously in continuing the high degree of enthusiasm for the Scottish Rite.

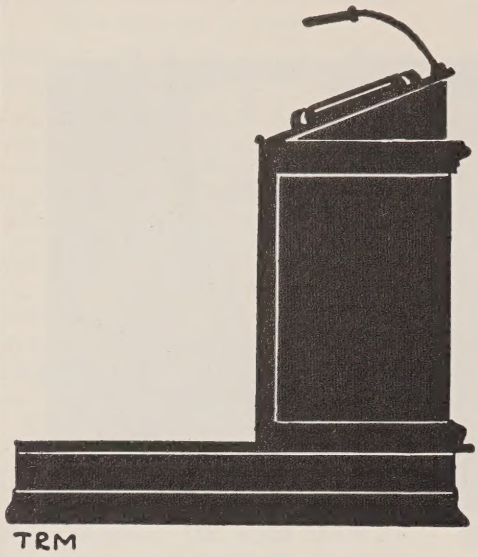
And by the way, the dates for the Reunion are **November 19, 20, and 21.** The banquet night on November 21st concluding the Reunion has already been designated as the "Grand Lodge of North Carolina Night" and the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina has agreed to be with us at that time.

We are also anticipating a visit from our Inspector General, Brother James G. Johnston, 33°.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

"WINDOWS"

By E. P. Blair, 33°

A man who traveled in Italy, Abraham Feldman of Hartford, Connecticut, has reported seeing a strange building between Padue and Ferrara. It is a Villa, built many years ago that has 365 windows. No one knows just why that number of windows was placed into the Villa, but the story was to provide for looking out at the world through a new window every day in the year.

The idea does seem attractive looking out on the world through a different window each day. Life may have truly a new look if it were seen through a new window each new day that occurs. I am suggesting that Scottish Masonry provide the Masonic Traveler with the countless windows through which he can look out at the world about him. Scottish Masonry has no terminal. Within the confines of its basic prinicples set forth in a wonderfully dramatic way are hidden jewels of philosophy and logic and it is these gems that establish the soundness and durability of its principles.

Its profound thoughts are based on God's Commandments, and they leave the door ajar, for the traveler to seek interpretations that further enhance the factors that have built a structure which is indestructible. If one were asked to sum up the meaning of Scottish Masonry in one word, the only word equal to the task is *Light*. Windows admit and transmit light and in the confines of our movement there are countless numbers of windows. From the 4° through the 32° in every lesson, lecture, and obligation, the Mission is to bring the Light of God into the Life of Man. It has no other aim for whenever the Light shines through, a new Truth is revealed.

Through these windows the Masonic Traveler can see clearly that which is beautiful in the world from the simple sunshine of Fellowship of the Brethren to the fountains of Justice, Truth, and Mercy. *I know, I am richer one hundred fold by virtue of the windows, through which I have been privileged to see.*

Scottish Masonry honors the worker and the toiler; he who produces and not alone consumes; he who puts forth his hand to add to the rich treasures of human comforts; he who seeks to add to the dignity of the Movement and man himself. It honors the great and beautiful offices of humanity, a man's work and a woman's task.

In reality do we not all by virtue of our own creation have a work to do within ourselves? As the immortal Albert Pike once said, "This work is greater and more sublime than any work of genius and it works upon a nobler material than wood or marble, for it is upon one's own soul."

So permit me to add a few words to those of our beloved Secretary as he points the Masonic Traveler to the Windows of Scottish Masonry. For I know also, that Scottish Masonry seeks to ennoble human life. Its work is to go down into the obscure and unsearched records of our daily conduct where each one of us is known from day to day by our actions and our deeds. It is indeed a privilege that we have in joining our Masonic hands together towards bringing the Traveler into the Villa of our Monument where he can see the world through the Windows of Scottish Masonry.

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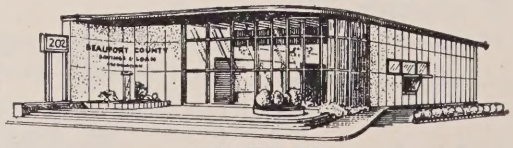

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STATE DEMOLAY CONCLAVE IN NEW BERN

Three Hundred Twenty-five young men of the N. C. State Association, Order of DeMolay, gathered in New Bern during the week-end of August 4th for their annual Conclave. The Scottish Rite Temple facilities were offered for their use and needless to say the Temple was buzzing alive with various DeMolay activities during the session.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina for a number of years has extended its support, financially and otherwise to the Order of DeMolay, even to the extent of appointing a DeMolay Committee who were charged with the responsibility of promoting ways and means to encourage the organization of more DeMolay Chapters and also to intensify interest and activity in the chapters already in operation.

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern have likewise extended their support throughout the jurisdiction and officials of the Scottish Rite feel much encouraged by the expressions of appreciation that were shown not only by the State DeMolay officials but by the young men of the order as well.

Two very active Scottish Rite Masons were very much in the forefront in making preparations for the Conclave and also in supervising the activities throughout the Session. These two Brethren, William L. Adams, 33°, and Marvin D. Wilson, 32°, K.C.C.H., have for several years expressed a deep interest in the DeMolay activities and were largely responsible for the success of the recent Conclave. Marvin himself, was signally honored at this session by being awarded the Cross of Honour, the highest award that can be given by the Supreme Council to a member of an Advisory Council.

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Grand Assembly Order Of The Rainbow For Girls Holds Annual Session

Pictured above are three girls of the New Bern Assembly Order of the Rainbow for Girls who received awards at the recent Grand Assembly of the Order held in Statesville, N. C. June 27, 28 and 29, 1968. In the center is Miss Betty Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Palmer of New Bern, who not only presented the North Carolina Flag during the Grand Assembly sessions but was also signally honored by being elected "Miss Service of North Carolina for 1968". On her right is Miss Carol Noble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Frank Noble, Jr. Her father is the Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Wise Master of the New Bern Chapter of the Rose Croix. Carol was appointed "Grand Representative of North Carolina to Australia". Donna Dixon, the third member of the trio and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Dixon, who accompanied the girls to Statesville, was appointed "Grand Representative of North Carolina to Maine".

There were about 1100 girls in attendance at the Grand Assembly and for three days they went through a very interesting program of business sessions followed by appropriate recreational activities.

The New Bern Assembly Group was headed by Mrs. Doris Scott, Mother Advisor and by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson, members of the local Advisory Board. These together with the Dixons served as chaperones.

Eleven girls from the New Bern Assembly were joined by the Assembly from Havelock and proceeded together in a chartered bus to Statesville. The Havelock group was led by Mrs. Gertrude Popow, the Mother Advisor. Miss Paula Popow of Havelock was also signally honored in being appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Assembly.

Scottish Rite Bodies throughout the Valley of New Bern are giving support and encouragement to the work of the Rainbow girls as well as to the DeMolay boys and it encourages and solicits the support of Scottish Rite Masons throughout the Valley to unite in such support and to furnish the BAGPIPE at all times with such information as would be helpful to the Brethren.

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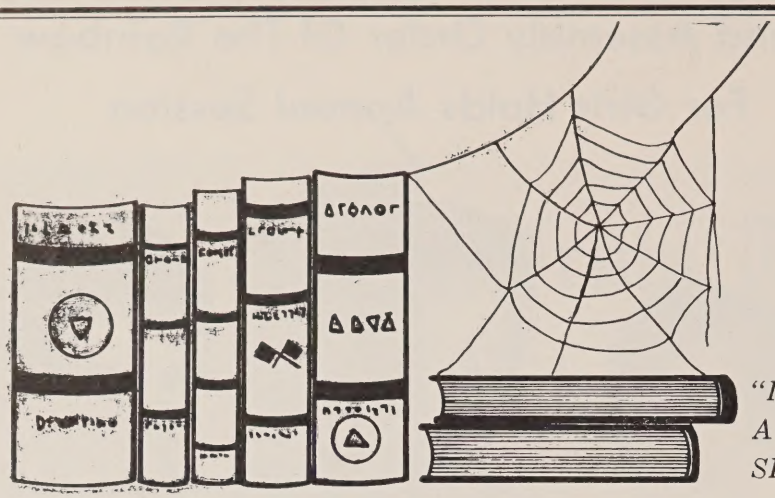

TEMPLE TOMES

"IT IS THE GLORY OF GOD TO CONCEAL A THING: but the honor OF KINGS IS TO SEARCH OUT A MATTER." (*Prov.* 25:2)

By now, everyone knows that he who writes this page is also editor of our Grand Lodge Publication **The North Carolina Mason.** As such we are becoming more deeply involved in active masonry throughout our Grand jurisdiction, and we are coming to know more and more of what makes Masonry the interlacing fraternity which we constantly enjoy.

For years we have researched into both York Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry and found much delight in so doing. Now we have an opportunity to go back to our beginnings, into the workings of our own blue lodge to restudy our foundations and review the joys of re-living over the formative years.

It has been our pleasure to be invited by our Grand Master to attend some of the district meetings wherein we try to speak for the good of Masonry, by talking on our pet theme of communications.

Communication begins at a very early age. Babies hear far better than they can see, and are much more likely to remember voices than faces. Therefore, talk softly to babies, but talk— communicate.

We are told that in hospitals where it is necessary to do corrective surgery on a baby, the infant is not anesthetised, but a recording is made of the mother's heartbeat and played back to the child which rests in perfect peace and safety.

As a child grows, it seeks communication second only to food. That's why the lullaby. Talk constantly to a child and it will never have to ask "Why?" Read to a youngster if you would have it master the language. Many an author has been born at this tender age.

Communication begins in the home. Families who intercommunicate have the advantage over those who do not communicate. The kids who bring home the good report cards are from communicative households. Ask any teacher. Where does the youngster get that good vocabulary? You guessed it — at home.

There is never any let-up in the area of communications. Talking is merged with writing, telephoning, radio and TV; teletype, typewriter and the printing press.

The same is true in Masonry. We have so much to communicate. That's why we have this great little publication **The Bagpipe.** That's why we have the **Red Fez** and **The North Carolina Mason** — that's why we have the great intercommunicative highway system in our great state — and then there's the interstate highways — for intervisitation and the interchanges of commerce.

We use our publications to "keep in touch", to pass messages from brother to brother — from lodge to lodge, and to serve as a welding influence within, as well as without the lodge. Most Masonic labor is done by the individuals outside of the lodge rooms. The lodge rooms are where the laborers gather to report for the good of Masonry what the day has wrought.

The word "communicate" as we all well remember means the state of being in union with. So in order to be in the

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unity of purpose and action we must communicate.

Just in case we haven't communicated this idea so that it is workable, we're putting it down in black and white. Read on:

Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.

Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.

Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.

Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.

Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody, if you try.

Be generous with praise — cautious with criticism.

Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellows, and the right one.

Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded manyfold.

This works well inside as well as outside of the lodge. It works in Sunday School and Church. It works wherever people gather, at the dinner table, at picnics, fish fries, oyster roasts and wherever our lodge is holding its communication.

Furthermore, get "in touch" with the editor of this publication by writing to him, speaking to him, phoning, telegraphing and by all means — attending the coming reunion. You'll be glad you did.

Tom McCrea

HARVEY SMITH IS NAMED TO SHRINE POST

Harvey Smith, Past Potentate of Sudan Temple, has been elected Imperial Outer Guard of the Shrine Organization in North America. Representatives of the 170 temples within the organization,

HARVEY W. SMITH, 33°
Newly elected Imperial Outer Guard of the Shrine in North America

meeting in Chicago, held the election. It means that Bro. Smith has been placed in line to become Imperial Potentate.

Smith is a resident of Beaufort. He is an Indianian by birth, having been born in Columbia City, Ind., January 20, 1908.

Skill in organization and business acumen has built for him a fish processing industry which has extended its operations along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and even into South America, and is recognized as the largest in the industry.

He received his public schooling in New Jersey, graduated from the New York Military Academy and received his college training at Washington and Lee University. He entered the fish processing business his father had founded.

He is a member of all the York Rite bodies and of the Red Cross of Constantine. In 1953 he was elected to the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and he is one of the few men in North Carolina to hold membership in the Royal Order of Scotland.

He received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in April of 1944 and received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in October of 1945. He received the thirty-third Masonic degree in October of 1959.

Initiated into the Shrine in May of 1941 by Sudan Temple of New Bern, he was appointed Outer Guard in 1956 to begin his advancement which led to his being named Potentate of Sudan Shrine Temple.

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

STRENGTH FOR THE "TRAVELER"

Masons dream great dreams within the Lodge-room! What is really needed is strength to get the job done! Where does such strength come from and where does it lead the "Traveler"? This is the question of the hour for true Masons who recognize a confused work in our midst and who proport to have some of the answers to the needs of this struggling world.

Masonry, whose corner-stone is faith in the Supreme Being, is you and me. She has no other strength except that strength which comes to a man when the "Spirit of God" works within people who travel toward the True Light. The locale of true Masonry is wherever a true believer meets face to face with God. The mission of Masonry is to make of you and me "the people of God" everywhere. Masonry finds her commission in the call to be constantly on a journey. Masonry at rest is no Masonry at all. When we have learned our lessons well, each time we leave a Lodge-room we leave with a feeling within our heart: "Mine eyes have seen the Glory of the Lord." We journey within that "glory" by faith.

Journeying by faith from place to place has ever been within the unfolding purpose of God for men and nations. We must always be on the frontiers — within the arenas — amidst the conflicts of life. Hebrew religion became real when Abraham dared to go out into an unknown area by faith. It was only then that the Almighty made the covenant with him and his descendants. It was not easy for Abraham — and it is not easy for us — to travel by faith and leave the comforts of life for a vision. His descendant, Moses, had to go through hard disciplines, and years afterwards begin to lead his

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

people to become a nation. Even then, a new generation had to rise before entrance into Caanan was realized. It is ever so; the light is passed from generation to generation until the dreams and visions become realities.

We are all acquainted with the Babalonian captivity of the Children of Israel. In this new place, under strange circumstances, and in a strange new world, they utter the cry of all men in all generations: "How can we sing the songs of Zion in a strange land?" How, indeed! It was under Cyrus that the Temple and walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt. It became the dream of every devout Jew to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem . . . back to the fundamentals of their ancient faith. God's unfolding purposes and guidance and sustaining power are to be seen in the whole unfolding story . . . a story that is not yet fully completed. Men of vision still write the story of the "Glory of the Lord" as they journey toward the light. It is limited vision that harms the causes which we would uphold . . . cause which can bring the Kingdom nearer to the hearts of men. We do not always see the vision clearly. Often we see the vision and faith for lack of strength. We wonder where "strength for the traveler" is to be found!

Brethren, recall the fundamentals of our craft and her faith! Food for the journey into the world comes from spiritual dynamics within a man as he has fellowship with others of the faith. If we are to be adequate for todays tasks and calls, we must have food and sustenance of the Spirit. Remember the "Man on the Cross" telling us to pray for our "daily bread" — bread sufficient for the causes and calls of today. We are also nurtured for the journey into the needs of the world by observing, with a pure heart, the Great Light of Masonry. Everything needful for salvation is contained on

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We, too, are called to travel by faith along a way that we know not into paths that we have not known! Too long we have sat in the comforts of the sanctuary of nicely appointed lodge-rooms and listened to nice things being said by men who knew their memory work quite well! Now it is time for Masons to rise and witness to our noble art of living! Truthfully one has said, "The sanctuary is the place where the lamp is lit, where it is filled with oil, where the wick is trimmed." It should never become the place where the lamp is left. This is the hard lesson that we all have to learn. We need to leave the temple and carry the gospel into the world. Was not he right who said "We are not to be sanctuary lights; but street lights?" We must move beyond the well-known and the comfortable. Involvement is costly. It cost the life of one man on a Cross, simply because he loved that much! We are not to nurse our faith! We are to be crusaders who are desperately trying to keep step with our Master. The same food which sustained men of faith in the long years which have passed will sustain us in our journey:

"As I wandered into the night

I met a man who stood at the gate of the years.

I said 'Give me a light that I might tread the great unknown.'

He said unto me 'Place your hands in the hands of God and it will be better for you than a light,

And safer than a known way."

DARE WE TO BELIEVE THAT? INDEED, DARE WE BELIEVE ANYTHING ELSE?

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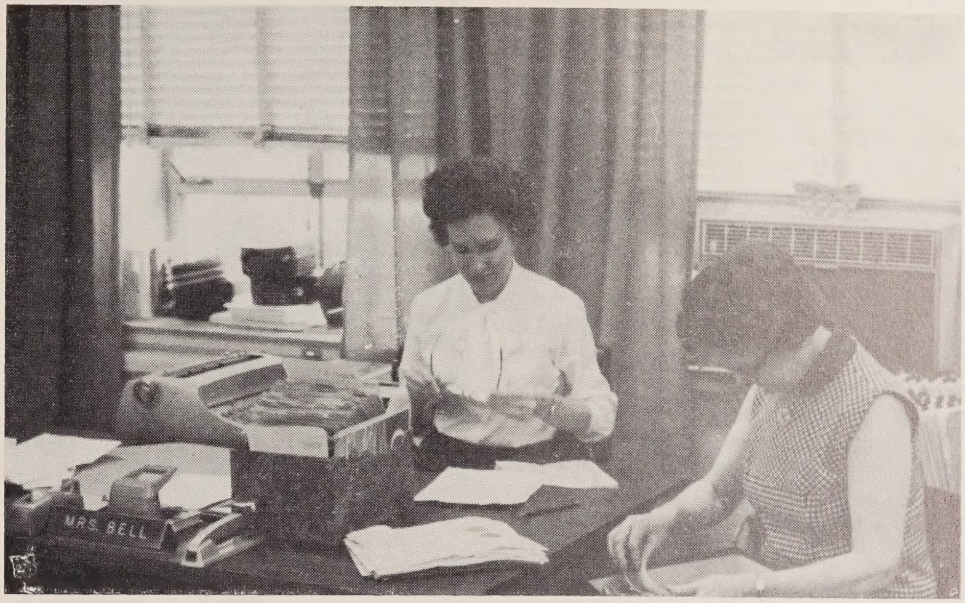

Sheila Bell and Melba Bailey at work, separating petitions.

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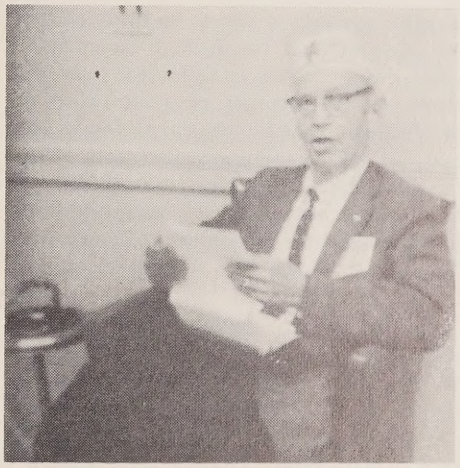

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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

Reynold Davenport, 33°

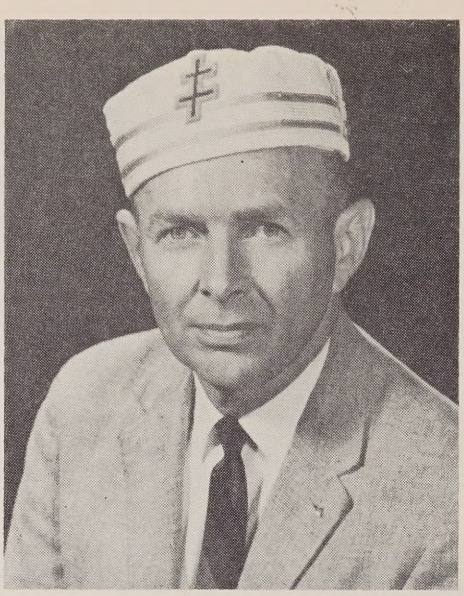
My good friend Dave Owens, who is likewise the good friend of many more Masons hereabouts, told me the other day of a hospital experience he had some years back. Dave had an appendectomy, and that wasn't funny. What happened after the surgery wasn't funny either, at the time, but Dave chuckles about it now.

He awoke to that state of partial awareness which usually follows anesthesia and found himself sharing a semi-private room with an acquaintance whom we shall hereinafter refer to as Tom. Dave remembers that he lay there and dozed along sort of fitfully until he all of a sudden realized that he was on the floor under the bed. He doesn't know how he got down there, or why, but there he was. Even in his woozy state Dave felt that this was not exactly what was expected of him and he thought he'd best make some effort to get back in the bed.

So he crawled a little ways and started to raise up, only to whack he head against the underside of the bed. This smarted right good, and he was already smarting right good in a couple of other places so he dropped back down on all-fours and crawled off in another direction. This time he fetched his head up against the foot of the bed. It just seemed like he had his bearings all fouled up, every way he crawled he ran into some part of that bed.

Now Tom, the roommate, kept hearing these little scuttling noises and raised up on one elbow to see what was going on. He didn't see what was going on but he did perceive that Dave was not in his bed. "Dave, where are you?" he asked.

"Under the bed," replied Dave.



REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 33°
Jacksonville, N. C.

"What you doing under the bed, Dave?"

"I don't know," said Dave, still crawling, still running into various parts of the bed.

A visitor out in the corridor, overhearing some of this, stuck his head in the door. "Anything wrong?" he asked.

"Yeah," said Tom, "my roommate's crawling around under his bed."

"What's he doing that for?" the man asked.

"He don't know," said Tom.

The man left.

"Dave, why don't you get back in bed," asked Tom.

"I really and truly want to, Tom, but every way I go this darned bed gets in my way."

Someone finally came in, picked Dave up, and put him back in bed. Dave doesn't know who it was, but he remembers being some kind of grateful. He doesn't know to this day how he got down on the floor or why he couldn't ever crawl out from under that bed. He believes he must have crawled something like a quarter of a mile and the only thing he had to show for his efforts was some assorted knots on his head.

Another good friend, George Roberts, who is really a cantankerous old buzzard, was most apprehensive during June and July regarding my approaching grandfatherhood. George told everybody in the county that once the baby arrived there would be nothing but grandbaby drooolings in DOWN ONSLOW WAY for the next six months. Well, Laura arrived on July 18th and I'm not going to relate her charms and exploits in this column now or during the next six months. Those charms and exploits are far too varied, too many, and too wondrous, to really merit belief. I don't even want George Roberts, much less anyone else, thinking I'd do any exaggerating about my new granddaughter.

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DICK BUNDY NIGHT IN ONSLOW

For many years Judge William J. (Dick) Bundy, Past Grand Master, Thirty-third degree Scottish Rite Mason, Past Potentate of Sudan Temple, Judge of the North Carolina Superior Court, and holder of various other titles and honors, has been going into Onslow County at regular intervals to preside over Superior Court sessions. A group of Onslow County Masons, holding the good judge in high esteem and affection, decided it was high time that Onslow Masonry take official note of these visits, and of the character of the Mason making them. Plans went forward.

On Tuesday evening, June 11, forty-five distinguished Masons attended a testimonial dinner for Most Worshipful Brother Bundy at Jacksonville's Steak House. Those attending included members of all six Onslow lodges, members of lodges out of the county, and members of lodges out of the state. They included the District Deputy Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Lecturer, as well as former holders of those offices. We had Masters, Past Masters, and various other present and former lodge officers. National Sojourners and Heroes of '76 were represented. Several members of the Onslow County Bar were among the Masons in attendance. It was a fit assemblage to honor a great Mason.

Following the invocation by Reverend and Brother Leon Gray a fine dinner of prime roast rib of beef was served and enjoyed. Then commenced the deluge of praise and tribute, ably delivered and richly deserved.

Brother Nelson Banks, Recorder of Sudan Temple, spoke of Brother Bundy's many and lasting contributions to Shrinedom; how he, as Potentate, initiated valuable and important programs; how, as Past Potentate, he has been a tower of strength in Sudan Temple, serving and advising Shrinedom in many capacities.

Brother Leon Gray, Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage, told of Brother

WILLIAM J. BUNDY, 33°

Bundy's great worth to Scottish and York Rite Masonry. Leon related the tremendous contributions Brother Bundy has made over the years to the welfare of our children at Oxford, and spoke of the sound judgement he has displayed in helping lead our orphanage on a straight and safe course.

Brother Ed Summersill, distinguished member of the Onslow County Bar, told of the forty years he has known Brother Bundy; as a practicing attorney, as superior court solicitor, and as judge. Brother Ed noted the integrity, the ability, and the warmth our honored Brother has displayed through all phases of his legal career.

Most Worshipful Brother Charlie Harris, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Past Potentate of Sudan Temple, delivered the final eulogy of the evening, telling of the fine year Brother Bundy enjoyed as Grand Master of North Carolina Masons. Brother Charlie also spoke of the splendid service Brother Bundy has since rendered as a member of various Grand Lodge boards, commissions, committees, etc.

It is significant that all four of our distinguished speakers dwelt at length upon their regard for Brother Bundy as a friend, as a brother, as a human being. Although each of them spoke upon a different phase of his activities, each of them really followed a single theme; they were praising a good man, a fine Mason, an able jurist.

Brother George Roberts, Past Master of Semper Fidelis Lodge No. 680, acting in behalf of each Mason present, presented Brother Bundy a finely wrought cigar humidor, bearing a plaque engraved:

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IN TCKEN OF HIGH ESTEEM
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A lighter, engraved with Brother Bundy's initials, was inside the humidor. The sum of twenty-one dollars, being in excess of the evening's expenses, was donated to Oxford Orphanage in honor of Brother Bundy.

At this point the proceedings were delivered into the hands of our esteemed guest of honor. Brother Bundy expressed his sincere appreciation for the presence of each brother, for the wonderful tributes which had been heaped upon him, and, with his usual eloquence, he told of his great love for the wonderful Fraternity we all serve. The eloquence was there, but the message was brief, because Brother Bundy told us he was just a little too full to do much talking.

This event was not a tribute to a setting sun, but a tribute to a sun which still shines brightly as ever in our Masonic firmament, and in whose warming and enlightening glow North Carolina Masonry may expect to bask and prosper for years to come. Freemasonry is most fortunate that down through the years there has been a continual emergence of such great leaders to steer our Fraternity on the wise course laid down by our ancient brethren of ages past. It is fitting and proper that we honor such Masons as Most Worshipful Brother Bundy at each opportunity.

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WHY VIETNAM?

(This article was written by Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, a member of Barstow Lodge No. 682. General Nickerson has just recently returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam and is now assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Headquarters, USMC, Washington, D. C.

This presents a particular point and since our bodies are dedicated to patriotism and the Masonic support of patriotic observances, it seemed appropriate to include.)

My church pastor, a wonderful preacher, American citizen, and 49 years young, doesn't understand!

How can I explain the most complex of all of our wars to him?

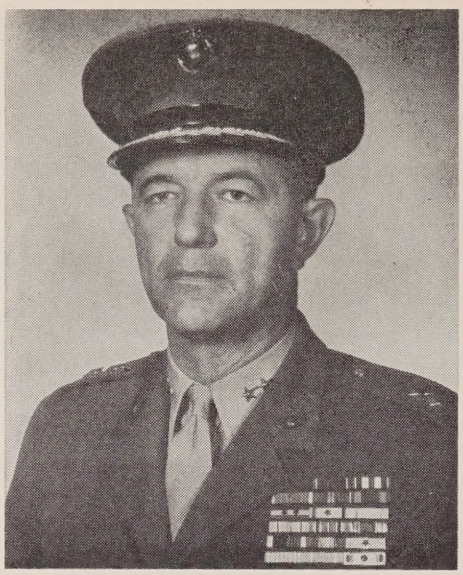
Having established with him my area of credibility, I recited the facts; SEATO Agreement, opposing aggression and assisting people who are the objects of such aggression, just as we did in WWII and Korea. I explained our world leadership responsibilities.

I described the feeling, the opinions, and the dedication of the U. S. Servicemen in combat in South Vietnam. These Americans are certain of why the U.S.A. is fighting there and for high stakes. They are better citizens than when they left the U.S.A. They will be most valuable assets guarding this Nation's future, teaching others the real value of our heritage—mindful that we are one Nation, under God indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

I tried the reasoned (logic) approach to defending our way of life by opposing the spread of communism.

Still he was unconvinced and could not see any reason for our Nation being in this war.

This shook my confidence, as he possesses a great influence, has the ability to articulate clearly values and to reason from the philosophic and the parable to the everyday present. He is not one to shut his mind to the facts. Yet, he isn't persuaded to my point of view.



GENERAL HERMAN NICKERSON, JR.

As a colonel during the Korean War he was awarded the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Nation's second highest combat award, for extraordinary heroism.

Why Vietnam?

How do I present what I know to be fact in such a way that I clarify in his mind the rightness of our purpose and our actions?

As I pondered this dilemma, I discovered that my wife also was very uncertain about what I know firsthand to be true—and right—and necessary to our own national survival.

Why are these two intelligent and dedicated American citizens uninformed? If they are unsure, what about the many of our countrymen who have access only to the Press and TV versions of this war?

Perhaps it is that the daily TV/Press reporting with its frequently narrow focus on the isolated and dramatic incidents, has given many people an incomplete picture of the war. Perhaps it is the distance from our shores that challenges the need for our sons to be dying there.

No matter what the reasons, how do I communicate what I know to be true? How do I influence the thinking of others?

A gentleman in his 70s heard speeches made by Vietnam returnees. One in particular, Lieutenant General Walt, USMC, convinced him to go see for himself. At his own expense, he spent many, many weeks covering all of South Vietnam. He lived at the Hamlet-Village level; he talked to all classes of people, Vietnamese and U. S. He experienced the drives that make young Americans sure of the rightness of our position. He is home now and telling all who will listen to him exactly what I know to be the facts. More people should listen to him and to the truth and reason from it.

After listening to this gentleman for a couple of hours, I was restored in confidence. My mind was clear. I believe the need lies in reaffirming our belief in freedom.

I can only assume that repeated applications of half-truths have succeeded in insulating the real values of our heritage.

The noted journalist, Howard K. Smith, in the Sunday, 18 February Washington Star, said it this way: "Some journalists of the present time are dreadfully wrong. And the thought has not escaped me that

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I may be one of them. So, I have decided to take time off from 'regular comment,' ask questions and study documents, steep myself in the facts of the dispiriting sixties, and make sure . . ."

This Republic was founded by people mindful of God and unafraid to lay down their lives for what they knew to be right.

To me, the solution to my communicating problem is to relate our South Vietnam efforts back to freedom, freedom for all people everywhere . . .

Freedom is not license, nor riot, unlawful assemblies, nor arson, rape and murder; it is not loose, irresponsible news reporting, nor slander and libel; and above all, it is not a mindless indifference to the needs of others.

Freedom is the reasonably prudent man's disciplined response to the needs of others, needs of his family, community and nation; is Old Glory mirroring the finest efforts of men to date; is standing up to be counted no matter what the personal consequences; and finally, freedom is total commitment to the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.

If this definition of freedom *is* correct, we must conclude that our course of action in South Vietnam is the right one!

Herman Nickerson, Jr.

SCOTTISH RITE FELLOWSHIP WINNER HAS SUCCESSFUL CAREER

During the month of July 1968 the N. C. Scottish Rite Fellowship Foundation received a letter from one of its recent Fellowship winners. This person, Mr. Joseph W. Grimsley, was awarded the Fellowship by the N. C. Foundation in 1963 for a year's study on the graduate level at the George Washington University, Washington, D. C. This Fellowship was in the amount of $2,800.00 and represents an annual grant given by the N. C. Scottish Rite Fellowship Foundation to one outstanding North Carolina graduate student.

Mr. Grimsley received his Master's Degree in International Affairs at the University in 1964 after having had a year of delightful experience on a Fulbright Scholarship at the Universidad de Los Andes, Begota, Colombia, South America. Following this experience, Mr. Grimsley then returned to the George Washington University where he continued until he had completed work on his Master's Degree.

The Scottish Rite Fellowship is awarded to those students who are interested in pursuing a career in Government service of some type and following Mr. Grimsley's graduation he was employed as Operations Officer for the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Costa Rica. This was followed by two years of service as Associate Peace Corps Director in Honduras where his primary responsibility consisted of director of Community Development Programs composed of 75 Peace Corps Volunteers situated throughout Honduras. At various times he served as Acting Director and as Acting Deputy Director of the Peace Corps of Honduras. Subsequently he became the Deputy Chief of Central America where he was Backstopper of other Central American desk officers with primary responsibility for overseeing general operations and training programs for Honduras and Panama.

Mr. Grimsley has now returned to Raleigh, N. C. where he is the Assistant N. C. Field Director for the Coastal Plains Regional Commission with broad responsibilities in planning and developing programs in Eastern North Carolina for economic development and relating the Commission to the people of the area.

Mr. Grimsley is married to the former Linda G. Cravotta of Arlington, Va. and they have two children, J. Wayne, Jr., age 4 and Julie Ann, age 2.

The Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of New Bern are a participating group in the N. C. Scottish Rite Fellowship Foundation and it is happy to congratulate Mr. Grimsley on his successful career and to express the hope that his experiences in Eastern North Carolina will prove helpful to all concerned.

TELL YOUR CANDIDATE NO MEMORIZING REQUIRED

Many Master Masons having passed their recitation days — have found it hard to memorize the Blue Lodge Degrees . . . tell them NO MEMORIZING IS REQUIRED . . .

Also, tell them no passwords are necessary to attend a Scottish Rite meeting — only your current card. When visiting out of town, some require to see your patent — but no passwords are necessary.

Remember, you should get at least two candidates in your lifetime — one to replace you and one for the growth of our beloved order.

Do You Remember?

A group of men, perhaps a lawyer, a business man, a farmer, a Doctor, a merchant, but all good men, will in just a few months, early fall 1968, undergo an experience they will long remember. In a spirit of anticipation and with a bit of doubt about the unknown, they will present themselves at our Scottish Rite Temple. They have long thought about taking this step. They are on the threshold of a great experience. How will they receive more light in Masonry? DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE THERE?

How Did This Come About?

How did you find yourself as a member of a Scottish Rite Class? In many ways no doubt, but most probably a good friend and fellow Mason had persisted in getting your petition. He had talked, persuaded, maybe even made himself a slight nuisance to the point that you did finally sign your name to a piece of paper that unlocked a new and luminous experience. How many times have you mentally, and we hope actually, thanked the man who convinced you about the beauty of Scottish Rite?

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"WANTED A MAN— A MAN WHO WILL STAND"

By Frank Carlson

United States Senator from Kansas

(Frank Carlson is a member and frequent leader of the Senate Breakfast Group, which meets every Wednesday morning to pray together and ponder the issues of a spiritual heritage. About 20 Senators—of all denominations and from all parts of the country—usually are present. For 27 years this writer has attended as the only regular member outside the Senate.

What is said at these gatherings is generally not for publication, but the talk made by Senator Carlson on June 19 so impressed his listeners that special permission was granted for this printing of excerpts from it.

Senator Carlson is retiring at the end of the current session after 18 years in the Senate. Prior to that he served 12 years in the House of Representatives and four years as Governor of the State of Kansas.—David Lawrence, Editor.)

The subject of the text I am using is "Wanted a man—a man who will stand." We have had men in both ancient and modern history who have had the courage to take a stand and stand firm. . . .

In Ezekiel 22:30, the Prophet says:

"And I sought for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it."

God is searching for men who are unique, thoroughly saved, and filled to running over with His spirit. God and the world need men who will stand in the gap . . ..

Modern Americans have accepted and are tolerating conditions never before permitted by any generation of our ancestors.

Never have so many hated on such flimsy cause. Never have so many denounced so many with such little knowledge. Never has the dollar been as important as it is today. Never has wild pleasure or physical abandonment been considered fitting human behavior as it is today.

Never have public officials been so brazen and open in seeking the vote of the people through promises of things that are morally and spiritually wrong. Never have ministers of the Gospel turned their pulpits and their pastoral duties toward direction of the social order to the near exclusion of the salvation order as abounds in our time.

In that same 22nd chapter of Ezekiel, the Prophet speaks of Israel's religious leaders in these words:

"Her priests have done violence to my law and have profaned my holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them."

Israel's religious leaders of that earlier time would be appalled to observe what is transpiring in the churches of God today. Even the daily press—notoriously indifferent to religious news—reports a few lines on the inner and back pages that tell us clearly how growing numbers of Americans treat holy things with irreverence and sacred things with contempt.

Not only have vast numbers of Americans lost all sense of the sacred, the moral, and the ethical, but the spiritual leaders from both the laity and the priesthood are often found in the forefront of this irreligious pursuit of comfort rather than convicition—of accommodations rather than truth—of the pleasant life rather than the meaningful life.

If God is to have men who will stand in the gap and hold back the flood of destructive emotional and spiritual forces, we must first understand the nature of the problem and why things are the way they are.

There are three major forces that have brought about the chaos, frustration, and anti-Christian era in which we live. They touch both the philosophical and religious bases, were first voiced by few in number whose intensity deceived millions, and have been permitted to flourish by both the unwary and the fearful.

First, we live in this age of uncertainty because we have either accepted or endured a doctrine of universal conformity.

The forces that reduce the power of an influence of God and Christ in the lives of our people are seeking to become levelers of men. It is their conviction that only through lowering mankind to a dependency upon the ideas, ideals, and material judgments of superior people can we live together in harmony and peace.

Evidence is rampant that this kind of meddling and interference with God's natural law brings fearful conflict, death, destruction, riots, crime, and disregard of decency and principle among our people.

Today there is widespread devotion to the idea that nothing, absolutely nothing, can be allowed to remain the same. All things must change, and there is practically no consideration given as to whether the change is good or bad—right or wrong—easy or difficult—necessary or unnecessary.

The doctrine of change stands on just the precise idea that change is inevitable. That is absolutely true. Change of various kinds and sorts takes place every day everywhere. But irresponsible, erratic, violent change only for the sake of making things different is as illogical and as unreasonable as it is unspiritual.

No intelligent person argues against the necessity of using question marks after many of our inherited ideas and practices of the past. But when the question mark is turned into a totem pole or a marble altar on which the people are supposed to lay their sacrificial offerings, such people have escaped the general limits of common sense and

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sound judgment and have launched off into material idoltry and a rushing toward a degree of spiritual insanity.

If human reason has so totally lost its respectability and no one is allowed to go from a major and minor premise to some sort of orderly conclusion, then the welfare of our people is entrusted to the care of strange and weird people.

Great changes had to take place during these recent years, and even greater changes will have to take place in the future. But no safe and proper change seen in recent times—and certainly none of the irrational changes that outnumber the sane ones—can justify the wholesale abandonment of the safe and sure principles of God and this country which have brought us safely this far. In the face of great changes we Christians have to remember that we have a firm point of view and that we operate from certain unchanging foundations.

We believe in a God who does not change—in human nature which does not change except for its accommodation with and acceptance of God—in standards of right and wrong that do not change—in death and judgment which are inescapable—and we believe in a truth that is absolute, not relative, and which is forever settled in heaven and can never pass away.

The Christian today—even in the midst of the erratic and erotic commitments of irreligious leaders—does not follow the failing steps of the priests of Israel. Christians make a clear distinction between the holy and the common. They teach the difference between the clean and the unclean. They observe and keep the Sabbath and they do not profane either the name, the spirit, nor the power of God.

The third cause of our uncertainties in this time is the doctrine of universal criticism. Today man is taught not to accept anything until he has first put it under strong and critical examination. Trust nobody — believe nobody — have faith in nothing—and accept no truth until it has been proved to you with mathematical exactness and material demonstration. That is the agony of the hour when the doctrine of criticism has taken over our people.

You cannot pick up a paper, a magazine, or a book that is not in and of itself critical of something of somebody, even including among its victims almighty God Himself. In truth, the criticisms of God rank well above almost all other criticisms of the hour. More people—in more ways and on more occasions—cast doubt, hurl darts, and throw charges against God such as this country has never seen in all of its history.

To accept the doctrine of universal criticism leaves us with almost nothing that is sacred—almost nothing that is absolute—and nothing that is eternal. So real has our acceptance of the doctrine of criticism become that even the word "indoctrination" has been turned into an evil word that must be shunned like "discipline," "disciple," or "patriotism."

These three doctrines—universal conformity, universal change, and universal criticism—have left our nation without moorings or anchors. We are being tossed about in the sea of doubt and uncertainty that is about to sink the ship of God before our very eyes.

The world today is looking for:

Men who are not for sale;

Men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core;

Men with consciences as steady as the needle to the pole;

Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels;

Men who can tell the truth and look the world right in the eye;

Men who neither brag nor run;

Men who neither flag nor flinch;

Men who can have courage without shouting it;

Men in whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep, and strong;

Men who know their message and tell it;

Men who know their place and fill it;

Men who know their business and attend to it;

Men who will not lie, shirk or dodge;

Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor;

Men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for;

Men who are not ashamed to say "No" with emphasis and who are not ashamed to say "I can't afford it."

God is looking for men. He wants those who can unite together around a common faith—who can join hands in a common task—and who have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. God give us men.

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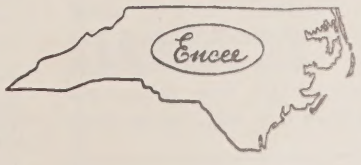

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held their regular meeting Monday night May 20, 1968, at "Tetterton's Restaurant", Plymouth, N. C. with the following members present: Raymond Leggett, Sr., President, W. C. Chesson, Secretary, Bryant Harris, Jack Latham, Edgar Bateman, Philip Swinson, Leslie Manning, Bill Styons, Jim Rhea, Pearly Sheppard, (prospect) Woodrow Dixon, Raymond Sawyer, Putt Landing, Dr. Jessie Highsmith, Hugh Brown, R. H. Lucas.

Our regular meeting held on June 17, 1968 was attended by the following: Raymond Leggett, Sr., President, Jim Rhea, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chesson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Dan K. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Dixon. This meeting was also at Tetterton's Restaurant, at which time it was decided to suspend the July and August meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Sept. 16, 7:00 P.M.

Have we not all, at one time or another, made personal resolves to do something nice for someone we love very dearly? We promise ourselves that we are going to express our love and appreciation for that person, be it a friend or marriage mate. We may plan to express our sentiments by means of a gift, a note, a verbal expression or some kind gesture. Yes we want our loved one to know how much he means to us, how much our friend means to us.

Such personal resolves are noble, for they reflect an unselfish frame of mind. However, it is one thing to make a personal resolve to do something and quite another to carry it out. This is because we may let other things cause us to keep putting it off. Unless we promptly carry it out while the desire is burning brightly in our hearts, we may find that we will be continually postponing it. This usually leads to our forgetting about our good intention or giving up the whole idea.

To avoid failing in this regard, especially at this season of the year, when we are taking vacations, and enjoying ourselves in many ways, we need to recognize that the complexities of modern-day living make our forgetting our good intention an easy course to follow. Matters do come up unexpectedly, some of which demand our immediate attention. However, by not letting small matters dictate our course of action, we will more likely fulfill our good intentions, much to the joy of our loved ones and friends, and ourselves.

The Holy Bible offers wise counsel on this matter. It says: "Always pursue what is good toward one another and to all others". (1 Thess. 5:15) Notice that there is a need to pursue the doing of good at all times making it our aim. Such council is given because humans tend to let other things crowd out this most desirable quality. Yes, we need to guard against the habit of postponing the doing of good to our loved ones and friends.

Today there are many persons who are plagued with remorse and regret. Among them are those "Scottish Rite Masons" who never appreciated what they had enough to invite their loved ones and friends, who are "Blue Lodge" Brethren to partake of the blessings they enjoy, but kept putting it off carrying out their noble intentions so long that suddenly the uncertainties of life removed the object of their planned attention. They are haunted by memories of what could have been but was not.

"Do not hold back good from those to whom it is owing, when it happens to be in the power of your hand to do it". (Prov. 3:27) Have you my Brother resolved to do something kind for someone? Do not put it off: do it now!

Ask your Blue Lodge Brother to enjoy "Scottish Rite Masonry" with you, you will be glad you did, and he will be eternally grateful.

Our Fall reunion will be here sooner than you think.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

ONSLOW-LEJEUNE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

On July 16th at 12:00 noon, the Onslow-Lejeune Teacher Appreciation Day Committee held a meeting at the Steak House Restaurant. The meeting was attended by club president Maynard A. Dean and brothers Clark Ruse, Reynolds Davenport, Elwood R. Bass, Dr. P. T. Lancaster, and Paul Tyndall.

Bro. Lancaster, Superintendent of Camp Lejeune Schools, and Bro. Tyndall, Superintendent of Onslow County Schools, will be in charge of the program.

Hugh McGlaughon is in charge of finance.

The Teacher Appreciation Day will be held Friday, August 30th at Jacksonville Senior High School. We hope to have Dr. W. Amos Abrams, Editor of North Carolina Education Association Magazine, as speaker.

From 4 until 5 there will be a teachers meeting. From 5 until 6 we hope to have a barbecue dinner.

Our next regular meeting will be held September 30th in Sneads Ferry. Time and location will be announced later.

Elwood R. Bass
Secretary & Treasurer

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club held one of their summer activities on Wednesday night, June 26, 1968, at the New Hope Community Building, in

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the form of a charcoal steak cook-out party; around twenty-two members and two prospects were present and took part in the party. Those New Hope boys, including Carson Spivey, Sr., Bob Spivey, Matt Spivey, Tuck Webb, James White, John Q. White, D. J. White, Horace Webb and assisted by several of the other members, did an excellent job of selecting and cooking the steaks and preparing the other parts that made up the meal. A fine spirit of fellowship and a good time was had by everyone present; a list of prospects are being studied and counseled; and the plans and arrangements for our next cook-out party on Sept. 11th are now being worked out.

PITT COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

Now that the summer is drawing to a close it is time to start thinking about the fall reunion in November and lining up the candidates. So with that in mind the Pitt County Scottish Rite Club is beginning to make plans for the fall reunion.

The first meeting of the club since the summer recess is being planned for the fifth Thursday night in August. The plan of the officers is to set up the machinery for getting lists of new members of the lodges since the spring reunion and making contacts with these thereby forming a start for a large class from the county. This first meeting to be followed by a meeting the latter part of September to see what progress has been made up to that point and to make final plans for the ladies night party the last of October.

With the increase in enthusiasm it should be easy to obtain a goodly number of candidates for the fall reunion. It is also the aim of the officers of the Pitt County Scottish Rite Club to make this ladies night party one of the most outstanding efforts of the local club. By so doing the club will be able to do a better selling job for Scottish Rite Masonry as a whole.

We are looking forward to having a large class of candidates from Pitt County at the fall reunion.

Edward D. Austin, Secretary

NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

Some months ago, soon after I had taken the degrees of Scottish Masonry, I met a friend of mine who noticed the new ring I was wearing and asked about it. Being as justly proud of my ring then as I am now, I tried to explain that it was given to me for being accepted and becoming a part of Scottish Masonry. Although being of the profane, he knew enough about Blue Lodge Masonry to understand that Scottish Masonry was a fuller part of Blue Lodge Masonry, yet he asked why I wanted to become a part of it. I asked him why he was sending his son to college. Of course he replied to "Further his Education".

So you see Brethren, he had my and your answer. Isn't this why we elected to become a part of Scottish Masonry? I am glad to say that this man has since become one of our fraternity.

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club doesn't hold regular meetings during July and August, yet the work goes on.

We are looking forward to having many new members join us in November. Until then, as our Beloved Bob Pugh always says, keep those new petitions rolling in!

Oscar J. Aldridge, Secretary

WILSON COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Wed., August 7, 7 P.M. at Parkers Bar-Be-Que.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. D. M. Harrell. Bro. Harrell gave the invocation. After a wonderful meal of Barbecue and fried chicken with all the trimmings. Bro. James R. Halley, Chaplain of Sudan Temple, our speaker of the evening, was introduced by Bro. Cecil Lannan. Bro. Halley made a wonderful speech and was invited to visit the club again at an early date.

Carl C. Aycock, Secretary

Editor's Mail Bag

June 17, 1968

Dear Bob,

Words cannot express my feelings for the many courtesies, flowers, and memorials in Harry's name. I will never forget his many friends in New Bern.

May I add the enclosed check, in Harry's name, to the N. C. Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation.

Any time I can be of help please call on me and I will do my best. I do not want to be forgotten by all of Harry's friends.

Fondly,
Marcia Lipman

The family of Jesse Freeman Starling acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you,
Laura M. Starling

The family of W. D. Sanford acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The family of George W. Hall acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

1500 Crescent Dr.
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July 23, 1968

Mr. Robert L. Pugh, Secretary
Scottish Rite Bodies
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Dear Mr. Pugh,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your letter to me of July 6, following the death of my husband, Ray.

I am most grateful for the perpetual memorial to the N. C. Scottish Rite Masonic Fund, in Ray's name, and I know that this would have pleased him. The Lifetime Courtesy Card is also much appreciated. I do hope you will also convey my thanks for these kindnesses to Mr. Edward Burrier.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Riddick
(Mrs. W. Ray Riddick)

Aug. 19, 1968

Mr. Robert L. Pugh
New Bern Consistory No. 3

Dear Mr. Pugh,

Thank you for your thoughtful expressions of sympathy at the loss of my husband, and of the contribution to the memorial in the N. C. Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation in his name.

Thank you also for the Lifetime Courtesy Card.

Sincerely,
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In Memoriam

When the last feeble steps have been taken,
And the gates of the Lodge shall appear.
And the beautiful songs of the angels
Float out on the listening ear,
Then all that now seems mysterious,
Will be plain and clear as the day,
And the toils of the road will seem nothing,
When we get to the end of the way.

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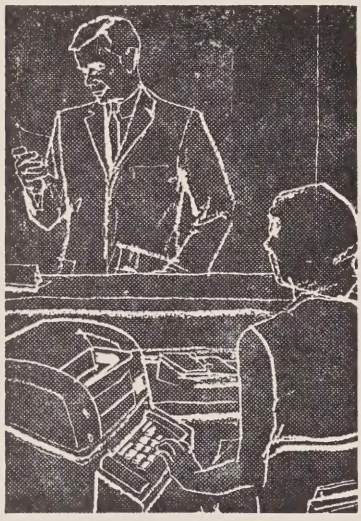

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